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People who act without thinking generally think when others begin to act.

The foolkiller has been getting the drop on a great many aeronauts this season.

Bill Doolin died with his boots on and twenty-seven bullet holes in his shirt bosom.

Many a man never knew that his life was a hard one until somebody was cruel enough to tell him.

When a man has learned that the cheapest and best way to get a thing is to pay for it, he is on the highway to success.

When the British warships opened fire on him Said Kahlid found out how small a person the sultan of Zanzibar was anyway.

The colored Baptists of north Missouri will hereafter refrain from extending the hand of fellowship to ministers who obtain divorces and then marry again. No easy separation for them.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, senior, is out with a card to the New York press utterly denying the reports that her husband's health is in a more precarious condition than ever heretofore. It is claimed that the multimillionaire is better than ever and that his physicians are most delighted with his rapid progress toward ultimate and complete recovery.

Steve Brodie, bridge-jumper, saloon-keeper, and theatrical star, whipped his theatrical manager to a standstill in San Francisco. He is playing his sensational piece, "On the Bowery, on the coast circuit, and he and his manager went out to see the town. A good deal of whisky was consumed and then trouble began. There was only one round and it was a very short one, and now the great actor is looking for a new manager.

A few months ago it was stated that there were twenty-one handsome widows in Gallien, Mich., and that they were all in the matrimonial market. A committee of bachelors was soon afterward sent up to Gallien from Jefferson county, Ohio, to inspect the widows and report. The report was very satisfactory indeed, and already five of the widows have married and gone to Ohio, and several more are busily engaged in getting ready to go. Indeed it pays to advertise.

The ministerial profession has gained a great victory in the case of Rev. Julius Feicke of New Jersey, who deserted the pulpit in order to go into the saloon business and has now returned to the church because his saloon did not pay. Mr. Feicke simply struck out for himself at the wrong time. Had he only waited till "after election," when times will be good, the ministerial profession's victory might not have been so great. Dull, hard times have changed the career of many a bright mind.

After a very long life the British railway carriage, with its independent compartments, begins to show signs of having passed its meridian. As travel becomes more extended, and journeys grow in length, its disadvantages are more generally felt. Privacy and exclusiveness are dearly purchased when accompanied by virtual imprisonment without food and warmth. Hence the great popularity of the American corridor trains with their freedom, comfortable temperature and excellent meals. At present there are but few of them, but they are so much appreciated that it is evident to the railway world that in a few years they must be adopted for all long distance traffic, and with them the second class must disappear.

Edgar Saltus, the well-known novelist and journalist, has never had any trouble in keeping himself before the public eye. His latest exploit is a finish fight with Dr. John A. Lee, a prominent society man of Norristown, Pa. The scene of the battle was the piazza of the exclusive Casino at Narragansett pier, and in the contest, which lasted no less than ten minutes, Saltus knocked the doctor down six times and otherwise severely punished him, while he himself received one knock-down and several painful blows, but he won the battle with ease. The dispute arose as to which of the two men had ordered a carriage which drove up to the door of the Casino and of which Saltus took possession to the medical man's discomfiture.

## THE BIG BOND DEALS.

### BRYAN'S SCATHING ARRAIGNMENT OF CLEVELANDISM.

The Administration That Is Now Trained by Mark Hanna and Company—Want Another Just Like It—Patrons, Take Heed.

Mr. Bryan said to ten thousand people at Milwaukee: Since the public officers are elected to carry out the will of the people, it is essential that the public should know two things. First, for what policies does a candidate stand? Second, will he carry out those policies if elected? While there may be things in a platform with which you cannot agree, and things out of it which you would like to see in it, it is necessary that the candidate should believe in the platform upon which he stands. I believed in the principles of our platform long before it was written in Chicago.

We have suffered some desertions. Why? Because the paramount issue of the money question. It is easy enough to hold a party together when a platform means nothing, but when any party stands for a great principle, it must expect some people who do not believe in it to leave it.

My friends, this great money question has been forced upon the people, not by the advocate of free coinage, but by the gold standard people. After the election in 1892, a money combine was formed for the purpose of repealing the Sherman law. They did not take the democratic platform and live up to it, but they took one sentence which declared for the repeal of that law and demanded its repeal. They said the law was a make-shift. What is a make-shift? Something that will do until we get something better. The democratic platform declared for the repeal of the Sherman law and the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver.

The money interests combined to repeal that law and leave nothing in its place. They claimed gold was going abroad. Did they stop it? No. They started an issue to furnish bonds. They had \$50,000,000 issued, and then had \$50,000,000 more issued, and then entered with the Rothschild contract. My friends, while the administration entered into this contract, I want to say that all the leaders of the republican party were in favor of it.

The republican party did not denounce it in their convention. Now, I want to say that this was the most infamous contract ever entered into by any nation. That contract employed certain firms in London and New York to look after and protect the government's interest. They purchased the good will of these people. When you purchase the good will of any person, it is because you admit you are in his hands. I am not willing to admit that the government must purchase the good will of anybody. I am not willing to admit that 70,000,000 of people are permitted to govern themselves by the aid of any syndicate, but that they will govern themselves in spite of them.

I am not surprised that the members of that syndicate are opposed to the democratic party. I believe that the democratic party can get along without them. I believe that they ought to be treated as any other conspirators. A man said to his sons: "Don't go into the retail business; go into the wholesale business. That is respectable."

This applies to you. If a man attempts to do the government a small injury, it is contemptible. If it is a wholesale injury, it is respectable.

Mr. Bryan then told the story of the successive bond deals and the plan to again issue bonds to a private syndicate which was defeated, and how, when the bonds were sold in open market, the president of that syndicate paid more for them than he paid at secret sale. Mr. Bryan continued:

What does it mean? It means that the people who would pose as the guardians of the treasury would rob the people. This fact did not excite the indignation of the officials of the government, and a short while later the chairman of that syndicate was present where an official of the government was the honored guest at a banquet. If we believe in equality before the law, we cannot make any distinction between the man who takes \$500,000 and the man who takes \$100.

Now, they talk of honor of the government. I believe that the honor of the government can be better maintained by 70,000,000 of the people than by beginning with a handful of financiers. The republican party does not denounce the bond syndicate. The democratic party does.

### The Grip of Gold.

Chicago Special.—Five assignments were made in the county court today. They are: The Chicago Iron and Steel company; Harry M. Hoelck, wool merchant; Chicago and Western Soap works; Louis Silbers & Sons; Geo. O. Fette.

On the 14th inst. three other prominent failures occurred in Chicago, and yet the business men in Chicago say we must preserve our country's honor and continue for another four years, the present prosperous era, by electing McKinley to continue and carry out President Cleveland's financial policy. But the people are now thinking for themselves, and by their ballots in November will decide they have seen enough of the prosperous gold standard era.

### Perennial Love and Biennial Bases.

If the laboring man was perennially loved instead of being biennially lured by the politicians, he might be happy yet.—Chicago Dispatch.



The Danger Which Threatens the Lives and Liberty of the Dear Ones of the Laboring Man.

### Silver and Farm Prices.

Iowa wants free silver because it will give silver prices for the products of her farms. Our crop of corn in 1895 was 285,000,000 bushels. The market value on a gold basis was \$48,500,000. On a silver basis it would bring \$97,000,000, or an increase in the circulation of Iowa for corn of \$48,500,000 in one year.

The total crop product of Iowa farms for 1895 was, gold valuation, \$168,235,420. To measure it on a silver basis it would bring \$336,470,840, an increase in the currency circulation in Iowa for one year of \$168,235,420. Perhaps some doubting Thomas may think free silver would not do this. For an answer, I point to silver countries, where the price of farm products is practically double ours to-day. I point to the circular of President Ives of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad, who admits that farm products would rise in price, but says railroad charges are fixed by law, and the company would be paid in silver, and must pay interest and bonds in gold, thus losing the difference in exchange. Suppose the company does suffer the loss of the exchange, would not its share of that \$168,235,420, the silver price, over and above the gold price of the crop of 1895, more than recompense them for the loss in exchange, and is the volume of their business regulated by law? It must be borne in mind that Iowa is an agricultural state, and to lessen the value of her crops is to cut off the life-blood of her commerce.

For fifty-two weeks in the year Iowa merchants are sending money east to pay for goods. One year would drain our state of all our currency, were it not for the crops of Iowa farms, which return the money, thus acting as a balance-wheel to trade. To lessen the price of farm products is to cut off to that extent the golden stream from the tills of Iowa's merchants, causing a congestion of money in the east, which destroys business in the west, and in the course of time reacts on the eastern or manufacturing states also. For this reason free silver is preferable for Iowa to protection, as the farmers are really the foundation of national prosperity, and it were better for the whole nation to tax manufacturers and give a bounty on each bushel of crops raised than to tax the farmers for protection for the benefit of the lesser industry, manufacturing.

JOHN CLANCY.

Clinton, Iowa, Sept. 4.

### A Plea for Fair Play.

The New York Independent exposes the journalistic conspiracy to misrepresent and belittle Mr. Bryan's candidacy, and warns those engaged in it of the danger of a reaction. It said in its last week's issue: "The fact that we do not accept Mr. Bryan's financial theories and that we repudiate the platform on which he stands is no reason for not doing him full justice. By a number of the leading New York papers he has not been fairly treated. It was evident before he reached New York that they would discredit him by fair means and unfair, and they created for him a predestined failure. Not half of those who sought admission could get into the hall. The night was insufferably hot, and it was nothing against his ability as a speaker that hundreds or thousands who came from curiosity went out to make room for yet others. It was a disappointment to many that he read his speech; but he could scarcely do anything else, considering his representative character and the importance of the occasion. Of course, a manuscript read is a different thing from an oration spoken, but it is no novelty. Mr. Bryan's voice was clear and strong, easily heard all over the immense hall, and it was a pleasure to hear it, so admirably was it modulated and so excellent was its quality. Those who heard Senator Hill read from manuscript a long speech, without a gesture from beginning to end, observed with pleasure how Mr. Bryan occasionally put down his notes, especially toward the end of his address, and they could easily believe the stories of his magnetic power. Those who have belittled him as a public speaker on the strength of what they call his 'failure' in Madison Square Garden are speaking for political effect."

## NO HONEST MAN WOULD

MAKE STATEMENTS SO DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED.

John M. Thurston, McKinley's Nebraska Aid in 1893 and in 1896 For Free Coinage Against It.

Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, spoke the other night in New York city in opposition to Bryan. The substance and method of his speech we may consider later, says the New York Journal in commenting thereon. To-day we ask the people to consider somewhat the earlier utterances on the issues of this campaign which Thurston delivered with all the eloquence and all the seeming unchangeable conviction which characterized his address of last night.

In 1893, for example, when he was seeking election to the post he now fills in the United States senate, he wrote to the chairman of the Nebraska republican convention a letter in which, among other things favorable to silver, he said: I ADVOCATED THE RESTORATION OF FREE COINAGE BEFORE ANY OF THOSE WHO ARE NOW THE SELF-SELECTED CHAMPIONS OF SILVER IN NEBRASKA HAD EVER OPENED THEIR LIPS ON THE SUBJECT. WE OF THE WEST MUST HAVE CHEAP MONEY. NOT MONEY INTRINSICALLY CHEAP, BUT CHEAP IN INTEREST CHARGES FOR ITS USE. I ASSERT THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE WEST, DEMAND THE FREE AND UNLIMITED COINAGE OF SILVER.

About the same time Mr. Thurston took to writing letters to that remarkable economist, Mr. George Gunton, of this city. In one of these communications, written in July, 1893, he said—and perhaps it might be well to compare this utterance with some paragraphs in last night's speech:

I HAVE NO DOUBT THE REMONETIZATION OF SILVER IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD SPEEDILY AND CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE PRICE OF SILVER, NOT ONLY IN THIS COUNTRY, BUT THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD. NO MATTER WHAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS DO, THIS COUNTRY OUGHT NOT TO ELIMINATE SILVER FROM USE AS A COIN METAL. ANY LEGISLATION IN THAT DIRECTION WILL BE LOOKED UPON BY THE COMMON PEOPLE AS IN THE INTEREST OF THE MONEY POWER FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE PURCHASING POWER OF MONEY AND DECREASING THE SELLING PRICE OF EVERYTHING PRODUCED BY HUMAN TOIL. IT IS A FACT WHICH SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED BY STATESMEN THAT THE PRICE OF AMERICAN SILVER AND THE PRICE OF AMERICAN WHEAT REACHED LOW WATER MARK ON THE SAME DAY.

The Journal submits these extracts from the published writings of Mr. John M. Thurston with entire confidence that Senator John M. Thurston can refute them. A gentleman who can be at the same time senator of the United States and attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad company is not likely to be disconcerted by little inconsistencies in his record.

### Republican Platform of 1892.

"The American people, from tradition and interest, are in favor of bimetalism and demand both gold and silver as standard money," said the republican platform of eight years ago. "We condemn the democratic party in its efforts to demonetize silver," it said four years ago. The party is now praising the anti-silver democracy or what they did while in power.

### Prince Bismarck.

"I have always been in favor of an international agreement for the restoration of silver as a money metal, and if it cannot be had without England's help, then we ought to restore silver without her."

### Cost of Production.

From a farmer's point of view the position that some of the writers take that a farmer can do nearly as well now as he could when prices for farm products were higher, say in 1870, on account of the supplies he has to buy being lower, is very absurd to say the least. In order to show the difference between what a farmer could make in 1870 and now I will give a few figures as to the cost and profit of raising eighty acres of corn, then and now. It will require the services of one man besides the farmer, and as for the amount of work, a man could do about the same work then as now, as we had the riding breaking plow and double diamond corn plow and double shovel corn plow in use then. We will count the farmer's wages the same as the hired man's. The average price of corn in 1870 was about 40 cents a bushel; land then was worth about \$45 an acre, or \$3 for rent. It is now held at about \$75 an acre, or \$4.50 for rent. Cost of raising eighty acres of corn in 1870:

To rent or interest on investment.....	\$240
To two men for six months at \$25 a month.....	300
To board of two men and farmer's wife.....	210
To keep of teams and wear and tear on harness and machinery.....	180
To eighty acres of corn at fifty bushels an acre at 40 cents.....	1,600
Net profit.....	\$670
Cost of raising eighty acres of corn in 1895:	
To rent or interest on investment.....	\$200
To two men six months at \$18 a month.....	216
To board of two men and farmer's wife.....	162
To keep of teams and wear and tear on harness and machinery.....	100
Total.....	\$678
To eighty acres of corn at 18 cents a bushel.....	720
Net loss.....	\$112

Now how is a man going to buy anything at any price at this rate, which is a poor way of stating matters just as they are? A good many of us fool farmers (anarchists) think the demonetization of silver is partly the cause of this state of things.

Auburn, Ill.

H. LANDIN.

### Laborers in Luck.

The Canton correspondent of one of our Republican contemporaries tells a very pathetic story of how several hundred Ohio laborers who have been thrown out of employment by the Democratic "free trade" tariff bill chartered a special train and journeyed all the way to the home of the Republican Presidential nominee to pledge him their support. It is quite natural that unemployed workmen should employ special trains and travel about the country to exploit their displeasure. Special trains, and especially special trains to Canton, are becoming every-day occurrences. In the event of the election of McKinley and Hobart, there will be legislative and administrative acts which will force the taxpayers to foot the bills for all the special trains and other contributions the corporations are making to the Republican campaign fund.

### Bryan in 1893.

"You may think that you have buried the cause of bimetalism; you may congratulate yourselves that you have laid the free coinage of silver away in a sepulcher, newly-made since the election, and before the door rolled the veto stone. But, sir, if our cause is just, as I believe it is, your labor has been in vain! no tomb was ever made so strong that it could imprison a righteous cause. Silver will lay aside its grave clothes and its shroud. It will yet rise, and in its rising and its reign will bless mankind."

### Daniel Webster.

"I am clearly of the opinion that gold and silver, at the ratios fixed by congress, constitute the legal standard of value in this country, and that neither congress nor any state has authority to establish any other standard, or to displace this standard."

### Addition and Subtraction.

Every 10 per cent that is added to the purchasing power of gold is 10 per cent subtracted from the earning power of labor and from the property labor has already earned.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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**Typhoid Fever and Bananas.**  
William C. Emery, M. D., of St. Louis, says that the best food for those suffering from typhoid fever is the banana. In the disease, he explains, the lining membrane of the small intestine becomes intensely inflamed and engorged. Eventually it begins sloughing away in spots, leaving well-defined ulcers. At these places the intestinal walls become dangerously thin. A solid food, if taken into the stomach, is likely to produce perforation of the intestines and dire results will follow. Therefore solid foods, or foods containing a large amount of nutritious substances, as compared with nutritious substances, are dangerous and are to be avoided. The banana, although it may be classed as a solid food, containing as it does 85 per cent nutrition, does not possess sufficient waste to irritate these sore spots. Nearly the whole amount taken into the stomach is absorbed and gives the patient more strength than can be obtained from other food.—New York Tribune.

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